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I heard that a Proposed Final Judgment (PFJ) in the U.S. vs. Microsoft case is being considered currently. As a software developer and a concerned citizen, I have serious concerns about the proposed settlement.

Microsoft has been egregiously abusing its monopoly power to crush competition and stymie innovation. Last year Microsoft decided not to distribute Java technologies with Windows XP. This is yet another example that Microsoft is using its illegally obtained monopoly power to kill innovation and competition. Because its monopoly position, consumers are forced to use Microsoft technology and software developers are forced to build on Microsoft technology. Other innovative technologies like Java are being forced out of the picture, not because of lacking of technical merits but because of being a competitive technology to Microsoft. This is a very serious issue. However the issue is not addressed at all in the proposed settlement. In fact the settlement does not address the three key elements that my co-workers and I are considered mandatory:

1. Terminate Microsoft's illegal monopoly,
2. Deny to Microsoft the fruits of its past violations, and
3. Prevent any future anticompetitive activity.

I strongly urge you to reconsider the settlement with Microsoft and address the above three elements.

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